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OFFICIAL PAPER OF LOGAN COUNTY.

BY ROY HOFFMAN.

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VAN VOORHIES knows what it is to go wool-gathering, and came home shorn.

COURTESY is all well enough in its way, but the long drawn out exhibition in the senate comes decidedly too high.

The American Express company are shy a package containing \$50,000. It is probable that the train robbers called when the express company was not at home.

A LAWRENCE, KAN., man got on a drunk the other day and died. We grieve in his misfortune, but still, if he drank Kansas whisky his punishment was not wholly unmerited.

A LYNNING was narrowly averted at St. Louis yesterday. It will now be in order for the St. Louis Republic in its crusade against Judge Lynch's court to use a little charity at home.

THE Populists of Kansas have about decided to give Jerry Simpson a rest in the present campaign and save his eloquence for future reference. They should also call Mrs. Lease off or it will prove a case of saving at the apogee and wasting at the bang.

Boston fashion exchanges announce that the latest thing in ladies' attire is "flounced skirts built upon a trousers basis." The advantage of the pendant flounce over the plain bifurcated article is not apparent—unless they are to conceal repairs.

THURSTON's gall pressed the limit last Monday when he impersonated President Cleveland at the telephone and demanded Glick's recall from the senate. He played the role of Oklahoma position before the department and little was thought of it, but impersonating a president is a good deal—even for Thurston.

FRANK R. SMITH, editor and owner of the Wichita Beacon, is dead. Editor Smith came to Wichita when the Peerless Princess was a crossroads. He was a poor boy without education or other advantages. His ability and industry raised him to the first rank among journalists. He was one of the few newspaper boys whose efforts bring financial success, and at the time of his death had accumulated a snug competence.

RAILWAY STOCKS.

Two thousand miles of road were added to the American railway system this year. The year's increase will likely not exceed 3,000 miles. Forty-nine roads report gross earnings for September 10.57 per cent less than a year ago. For the third week seventy-nine roads show 13.37 per cent less, and for the fourth week thirty-eight roads show 9.75 per cent decrease. First week of October shows improvement. Western roads are crowded to the extreme limit of their capacity in handling world's fair passenger traffic. Tonnage of coal crops is unsatisfactory and possibly approaching best for the season. Government directors of the Union Pacific recommend prompt and complete adjustment of the \$35,000,000 due the government. The Louisville and Nashville stockholders may not approve of new stock. Their percentage of expenses to earnings as reported is about 71 per cent for April, May and June, against about 61 per cent average for the preceding nine months. Atchafalpa's net earnings for the entire system appear much less than a year ago. Their Cherokee strip business may offset the decreased tonnage. In corn tonnage and through business, as well as in amount of money handled, Burlington's 5,556 miles exceeds Northwestern with its 7,162 miles of track. Rock Island's earnings for September and for nine months are a strong guarantee of dividends. St. Paul's recent earnings argue ability to hold present position. The Great Northern system is the outlet of a wonderland. Northwestern developing rapidly. The Mex-

prominence Missouri Pacific's bond-holding directors appear to want stock to drag. New York Central's recent earnings and dividend record are surpassed by none. Ontario and Western's recent earnings give it encouraging position among low priced stocks. New England's courageous president is rapidly rallying new and old friends to that stock's support. Northern Pacific's internal dissensions and mistakes offer tempting opportunity for foreclosure proceedings by uneasy German bondholders. Reading's excellent general business and magnificent coal property ought to be separated, or financed separately. Erie's earnings record warrants a better general support than is evident. Wabash earnings appear to follow Missouri Pacific's record of decline. Lackawanna's game qualities seem to fascinate some first-class investors. Reported Jersey Central has control. Trade, and consequently freight traffic outside of crop movement, is apparently waiting on the senate, and its revival dependent, apparently upon the action taken there. September clearing house returns show 30.7 per cent less compared with last year, and for nine months the decrease is 2.1 per cent. The railway stocks of the United States for three years past show a record of earnings unsurpassed by any similar amount of invested capital on the globe, and it is significant during all the past disturbance that the bonds of first-class roads have seldom been pressed for sale. The country has more than four times the mileage it had in 1871. The entire \$1,200,000,000 now paid annually for transportation of persons and products is about 11 per cent on the estimated annual product of the country.

TAKE THE MEDICINE.

The howl of the Republican press that the strip investigation will be smothered in its keeping with its attitude on this matter. First, they cried out to high heaven to witness the frauds that had been committed on strip settlers by designing place holders acting under instructions from the administration. They said there was nothing so mean, nothing so vile, but that if it was uncovered you would see the head of some Democrat. They declared townships had been looted and the public domain pilaged.

They demanded an investigation, and made as if to hold their noses at the political rottenness that would follow.

It came to the attention of the honorable secretary and he brought every official connected with the strip opening and the public lands in Oklahoma up with a short turn. He has sent special agents here upon the ground to investigate and check up the work. The attorney-general has ordered his agent here, a Republican of the most pronounced type, to sift matters to the bottom and given him carte blanche to investigate the charges fully. But in the middle of the proceeding comes a long drawn, a sonorous howl from the Republican press that matters are being whitewashed.

Now the investigation will proceed, and to the satisfaction of every one. A Republican official of high authority has charge, and he may add the seal of partisanship to the scrutiny of his inquiry. He has invoked the aid of the grand jury and has almost unlimited authority of Federal government to command attendance and testimony of witnesses. We believe he has a reputation for thoroughness. If any whitewash is being used this Republican official yields the brush.

The attitude of every honest man is the territory without regard to party is this: An investigation by all means. Where charges are made by responsible parties it is not only the duty and demand by the accused that a full, fair investigation be had. Throw the search light into the opening proceedings and if there is any rotten there eat it out. But don't ask for treatment and then deny the remedy before the medicine is administered.

SAID IN JEST.

"She is very high church, isn't she?" "Why, she bows her head whenever the young rector's name is mentioned." "Oh, don't! You mustn't!" she cried, as her cheek flushed rosily red. "It's a matter of pressing importance," he answered.

Terry—How many fish have you hooked the day, Pat? Pat—When I've got the wan Ol' after and two more Ol' I have three.

Young Husband—Didn't I telegraph you not to bring your mother with you? Young Wife—That's what she wants to see you about. She read the telegram.

"Dear me," said mamma, "what is the baby crying for?" "He's mad at me, mamma," said Mollie. "I was trying to make him smile with the glove-stretcher."

He—I have come to ask for your hand. She, Boston—Well, I fear I could not endure the surgical operation. I am afraid you will be forced to take me with it.

Jones—That young man who plays the cornet is sick. Green—Do you think he will recover? Jones—I'm afraid not. The doctor who is attending him lives next door.

Miss Elder—I think it was real mean in you to tell Mr. De Jones that I was 25 years old. Miss Fossick—Why, you surely didn't want me to tell him just how old you really were?

Mrs. Dix—The law doesn't treat a woman fairly. Mrs. Hicks—In what respect? Mrs. Dix—She is recognized as a man's better half, but if he happens to die it cuts her down to a third.

Tired tramp—Lady, could you help a poor fellow a little? I've got a backache and a headache. Lady—Well, I've got a little wood outside you could hack, and it might ease your headache. Tramp—Awfully much obliged, madam, but my headache ain't of the splitting kind.

CHARGED WITH CRIMES.

A BATCH OF PRISONERS JAILED YESTERDAY.

Washington Robinson Sentenced to One Year in the Pen for Perjury.
Whisky Sellers.

Deputy United States Marshal J. H. Cooper came in from Kingfisher county yesterday. He had in his custody a colored man named Washington Robinson, who has just been sentenced to one year in the penitentiary at Stillwater, Minn., for perjury committed in that county. The prisoner was lodged in the United States jail here to await further orders for removal.

Wiley Haines, deputy marshal of P. county, brought two prisoners to the federal jail yesterday. They were James Rankin, charged with grand larceny, and J. M. Anderson, charged with petit larceny.

Chas. Mitchell was committed to the federal jail here yesterday from Kingfisher for thirty days for violating the United States revenue laws. Barney Maxwell was brought over from the Osage country yesterday by Morris Robacker. He is charged with introducing and selling whisky in that country.

A Treasurer Short.
An expert who has gone over the books of the county officers of Beaver county has found a shortage in the accounts of W. B. Stanley, late county treasurer of that county, to the amount of \$2,800. Mr. Stanley removed from Beaver to Oklahoma City and later to Perry, where he is now located engaged in the hotel business. The Beaver Advocate believes him an honest man and that the system of keeping books is in fault—that a thorough investigation will find his accounts all right. W. B. has many friends who hope to see him come out of the trouble all right.

Concerning a Wind-Jammer.
The tuba player in the Guthrie brass band confines his diet to sweet potatoes and beans. He is said to be the loudest blower in the territory—and feels perfectly at home in Guthrie.—Oklahoma City Press-Gazette.

Why should he not feel at home here? Guthrie is the fairest flower of them all. The tuba player in question came from Oklahoma City. By enjoying our climate and beans he finds himself less drowsy and more astute.

A Fit at Supper.
Wm. Stratman, agent for McCormicks, came in from Omaha yesterday and is stopping at the Hotel Daily. While eating supper last evening he fell into a fit and created a momentary commotion. This is no reflection on the supper.

FUNNYGRAMS.

New Reporter—What is this note of yours about? I've tried for an hour to read it and can't. City Editor, after a careful study of the epistle—I'm not quite sure, but I think I wrote it to tell you that you'd have to improve in your writing if you wanted to hold your job.

Jones—Great Caesar, Mary! you start off to get me a little surprise for my birthday, and here's a bill for \$43.75. Mrs. Jones—Will, I wasn't sure whether the pair of suspenders would prove much of a surprise to you, my dear, so I just got a little bonnet at the same time for myself.

Putewest—Don't look and act so glum, old man. No matter what the trouble is, the storm will blow over. Sainclair—Will, blow over! It has already, my house and barn and everything else on the place. It cost me half I'm worth to rebuild 'em, and I didn't have a dollar's worth of cyclone insurance, either, darn it.

"How is the water in this locality?" inquired a traveler, stopping a moment to rest under a scrub oak. "That's what I'm tryin' to find out, cap'n," answered the sallow and despondent agriculturist sitting on the top rail of the fence. "I've dug down a hundred feet, run out o' rope, and hain't seen no signs o' water yet. Got any tobacco?"

"How are you, colonel?" said a stranger to a member of a Washington post. "I'm no colonel," was the reply. "Well, major, then." "No, nor major." The stranger began to look at the man suspiciously. Then he said: "Captain, perhaps?" "No, nor captain." The stranger was indignant. He asked coolly: "What were you in the war, then?" "Oh," said the Farnham post man, "I wasn't anything in the war; I only just fit."

FUN AND POLLY.

"It's just my luck," cried the editor, "that fellow has just shot me in the leg and I can't get damages." Which leg was it? "The wooden one—ding it!"

"So Bankster married his typewriter operator?" "Yes." "And she doesn't do any more work?" "It didn't turn out that way. She simply doesn't draw any more salary."

"My boy," said the young man's father, "I am afraid your hard-up condition is the result of your idleness." "Idleness?" was the indignant reply. "And this after I've walked fifty blocks to-day trying to borrow \$10."

"Is your boy learning a trade?" asked the traveler of the farmer. "Mister, have you got a horse?" "Yes." "Well, you bring him around, ter my boy for a swap, an' ye'll find that he hain't got much to learn about no trade."

Finkenbinder—Say, that horse you sold me balks! Balks right along. Won't budge. You didn't tell me anything about that, sir! Mulligan—Didn't I tell you he had been driven to a sulky for a year or two? "Yes, but—" "Then you knew you were buying a sulky horse. What are you kicking about?"

"How are you getting along?" asked a traveling man of an acquaintance who had gone on the stage. "Oh, I have met with a share of success. I played Hamlet for the first time." "Did you get through all right?" "Yes, except that I happened to stumble and fall into Ophelia's grave." "That must have been embarrassing." "It was, but I wouldn't have minded it if the audience had not seemed so disappointed when I

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